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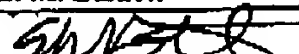
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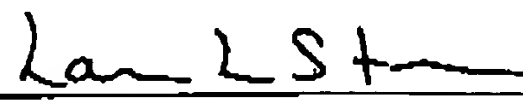
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According to our records, the above-identified application was suspended on October 8, 2004, for a period of six month due to a potential interference. The letter of suspension stated that "[u]pon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application."

In view of these circumstances, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests that the Office advise her of the status of this application as soon as possible in order to determine whether further action by the Applicants is required at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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